

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGEL). The Senate majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this morning, the Senate will be in a period for morning business until 12:30 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate can be expected to consider any legislative or Executive Calendar items cleared for action, although I don't expect any items to be cleared today. Votes are not anticipated during Saturday's session of the Senate, and it is expected that the Senate will not be in on Sunday, but we will be in Monday afternoon at a time we will discuss with the Democratic leadership.

During Friday's session, the Senate passed a continuing resolution allowing Government to operate until midnight Monday. So it will be anticipated that by Monday afternoon, we will have agreement on an omnibus appropriations bill or we need to consider another short-term continuing resolution.

Negotiations are ongoing at this time with regard to a number of issues, including the tax extender issue, a number of authorizations and appropriations issues, all of which could end up in the omnibus appropriations bill. Of course, there is a possibility on Monday, or at some point, some of the bills that are being discussed in connection with the omnibus appropriations bill might move separately. One example is the Treasury-Postal Service conference report. If we can get an agreement in the omnibus bill on some of the issues involved in that bill, that became controversial, if we get that worked out, we can move the bill freestanding, but all of that is in the process of being discussed right now.

We will update our colleagues as progress is being made. I think that progress is occurring. A lot of negotiations are going on this morning and will continue throughout the afternoon. We have had meetings between the congressional leadership and the White House this morning. We expect to meet again at 5 o'clock this afternoon to get an assessment of where we are. We are getting Senators and House Members, Democrats and Republicans, involved in all those negotiations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: Nos. 872 through 885 and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Army, Marine Corps and Navy.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed; that the

motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed, en bloc, are as follows:

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force, to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. James C. Burdick, 0000

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force, to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Walter R. Ernst, II, 0000

Brig. Gen. Bruce W. MacLane, 0000

Brig. Gen. Paul A. Pochmara, 0000

Brig. Gen. Mason C. Whitney, 0000

To be brigadier general

Col. John H. Bubar, 0000

Col. Verna D. Fairchild, 0000

Col. Robert I. Gruber, 0000

Col. Michael J. Haugen, 0000

Col. Walter L. Hodgen, 0000

Col. Larry V. Lunt, 0000

Col. William J. Lutz, 0000

Col. Stanley L. Pruett, 0000

Col. William K. Richardson, 0000

Col. Ravindraa F. Shah, 0000

Col. Harry A. Sieben, Jr., 0000

Col. Edward N. Stevens, 0000

Col. Merle S. Thomas, 0000

Col. Steven W. Thu, 0000

Col. Frank E. Tobel, 0000

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Harry A. Curry, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Michael A. Canavan, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. John M. Schuster, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while serving as the Director, National Imagery and Mapping Agency designated as a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 441 and 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. James C. King, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Edwin P. Smith, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Anthony R. Jones, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Michael L. Dodson, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Randall L. Rigby, Jr., 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserves of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Jerald N. Albrecht, 0000

Brig. Gen. Wesley A. Beal, 0000

Brig. Gen. William N. Kiefer, 0000

Brig. Gen. William B. Raines, Jr., 0000

Brig. Gen. John L. Scott, 0000

Brig. Gen. Richard O. Wightman, Jr., 0000

To be brigadier general

Col. Anthony D. DiCorleto, 0000

Col. Gerald D. Griffin, 0000

Col. Timothy M. Graube, 0000

Col. Joseph C. Joyce, 0000

Col. Carlos D. Pair, 0000

Col. Paul D. Patrick, 0000

Col. George W. Petty, Jr., 0000

Col. George W. S. Read, 0000

Col. John W. Weiss, 0000

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Naval Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Marianne B. Drew, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Scott A. Fry, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. Patricia A. Tracey, 0000

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE ARMY, MARINE CORPS, NAVY

Army nominations beginning Michael C. Aaron, and ending Richard G. *Zoller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 1998.

Army nominations beginning Matthew L. Kambic, and ending James G. Pierce, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 1998.

Marine Corps nomination of Jeffrey M. Dunn, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 29, 1998.

Navy nomination of Michael C. Gard, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 1998.

Navy nomination of Thomas E. Katana, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 1998.